



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONTRACT OF ENROLMENT

### Terms and Conditions:

#### Definitions

1. For the purposes of this Agreement the following terms shall have the following meanings:

**Accommodation** means the residential accommodation provided to the Student.

**Accommodation Agreement** means the agreement between the Student, the School, the Parents, which governs the Student's accommodation arrangements.

**Act** means the Education Act 1989.

**Agreement** means this Agreement including any schedules.

**Application Form** means the standard enrolment form which forms the cover page of this Agreement.

**Code** means the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016.

**Designated Caregiver** has the meaning as set out in the Code.

**Disciplinary Action** includes termination of this Agreement and suspension, expulsion and exclusion of the Student as those terms are defined in the Act.

**Fee** means fees payable by the Parents to the School as per the Fee Schedule.

**Fee Schedule** means the schedule of fees for Tuition, Accommodation and miscellaneous charges, which is available from the School on request and may be updated from time to time.

**Homestay** has the meaning as set out in the Code.

**Legal Guardian** means the person or persons who is legally the guardian of the Student in their home country and has the legal right to make decisions about their care, education and well-being. It can include parents, where they have the right to make decisions for the Student.

**Offer of Place** means a Confirmed Offer of Place and does not include any provisional offer.

**Parent** means the student's biological or legally adoptive parent. Except where the context requires otherwise, references to Parents in this agreement includes Legal Guardians and also includes a single Parent who has the sole right of guardianship in relation to the child.

**Residential Caregiver** has the meaning as set out in the Code.

**School** means the school referred in the annexed Application Form.

**Student** means the student referred to in the annexed Application Form.

**Termination** means termination of the Agreement and includes termination by the School expelling or excluding the Student.

**Tuition** means the education of the Student at the School.

**Period of Enrolment** means any period for which Fees are paid and for the purpose of this Agreement the enrolment of the Student begins on the course start date stated in the Student's Offer of Place and ends on the course end date stated in the Student's Offer of Place, or on such earlier date as the parties agree or the School terminates the Agreement pursuant to clause 24 or 26 of the Agreement.

#### Preliminary Provisions

2. The Agreement is declared to be an Enrolment Contract in terms of section 2 of the Act.
3. The School shall provide Tuition to the Student in accordance with school policies, the Code, the Act and any other applicable laws, in return for the payment of the Fee.

#### Terms of Agreement

4. Unless otherwise agreed in writing between the parties, the School's responsibility for the Student commences on the first day of the Period of Enrolment and ends on the last day of the Period of Enrolment, or in the event that the Student's Tuition is terminated, on the date of termination. The parties agree that any period of time in which the Student is in New Zealand before or after the Period of Enrolment will be at the risk of the Student and Parents/Legal Guardians and that the School will have no legal or moral responsibility for what occurs during this period unless otherwise agreed in writing.
5. Except in the circumstances described in clauses 6, 7 and 8, the conditions in this Agreement apply for the whole time the Student is enrolled at the School during a Period of Enrolment. The Agreement may be renewed on application to the School in writing. Renewal of this Agreement is at the sole and absolute discretion of the School and is subject to satisfactory performance and attendance by the Student, the School making an Offer of Place for a further Period of Enrolment and the payment of Fees. For avoidance of doubt, should this Agreement

6. The School is not responsible for the Student if the Student chooses to leave New Zealand during the Period of Enrolment. Should the Student leave New Zealand during the Period of Enrolment other than as part of a School organised trip the School's responsibility for the Student shall cease upon the Student's departure and resume upon the Student returning to New Zealand.
7. This Agreement is deemed to be written consent from the Parent or Legal Guardian that the School is not responsible for the Student's day-to-day care where the student is in the custody of a Residential Caregiver who is a supervisor for the Student while the Student is in temporary accommodation and that supervisor is not a resident of New Zealand and is travelling with or accompanying the Student for the purpose of supervising them during the Period of Enrolment.
8. The School is not responsible for the Student's day-to-day care where the Student is in the custody of a person approved by the Parent or Legal Guardian as part of a handover of care arrangement during enrolment made in accordance with the Code.
9. During the Period of Enrolment the Student must keep the School reasonably informed of his or her whereabouts including without limitation if the Student intends to leave New Zealand during the Period of Enrolment.

#### **Accommodation**

10. The Parents and Student agree that no changes to accommodation arrangements will be made whatsoever without the prior written agreement of the School.
11. The Parents and the Student agree that this Agreement is subject to and conditional on the School being satisfied that the Student has appropriate accommodation arrangements in place and, where applicable, an Accommodation Agreement or Designated Caregiver Agreement being entered into by all relevant parties.
12. The Parents irrevocably authorise the principal of the School to advise the Residential Caregiver (whether or not arranged through the school) of all matters and information required to be provided to the Parents and agree to appoint the Residential Caregiver in New Zealand to receive such information in substitution for the Parents.

#### **Immigration and Insurance**

13. The Parents and Student agree to comply with the immigration requirements as set out in the Immigration Act 2009, and any immigration conditions applicable to the Student's stay in New Zealand. The Parents and Student understand that the School has an obligation to report any breaches of the immigration requirements to the appropriate immigration authority.
14. The Student must maintain an up-to-date visa as stipulated by Immigration New Zealand.
15. The Parents agree that it is a condition of enrolment that the Student has current and comprehensive travel and medical insurance. Where insurance is not arranged by the School, the Parents will provide the School with evidence of the relevant insurance policy. If appropriate evidence is not provided, the School may organise insurance it considers appropriate and pass on this cost to the Student or Parents.

#### **Fees**

16. The Fee must be paid to the School in advance of each Period of Enrolment or as otherwise directed by the

School. The Parents and the Student agree to comply with school policies regarding the payment of the Fee.

17. If Tuition is terminated by the School during a Period of Enrolment, in accordance with the Act and the Code, any refund of the Fee applicable to that Period of Enrolment will be assessed in accordance with refund policy contained in Schedule Three, as updated by the school from time to time..

#### **Information, Warranties and Acknowledgements**

18. The Parents agree to provide the School with educational, medical financial or other information relating to the wellbeing of the Student as may be requested from time to time by the School. If the Parents provide misleading information or fail to disclose information about the Student to the School, such that the School has to change or modify the level of Tuition or Accommodation required by the Student, the School may charge the Parents such fees as required to adequately compensate for such additional requirements. For avoidance of doubt, the obligation to disclose information continues during the term of this Agreement and the Parents and Legal Guardians are obliged to notify the School in respect of any changing conditions in relation to the Student.

19. The Student and the Parents confirm that:

- (a) The Student does not suffer from any medical condition or behavioural condition (including mental health conditions and allergies) that may negatively impact on the health, safety or education of the Student or any other student at the School, except as disclosed in writing in the Application Form;
- (b) The Student does not have any medical or other special needs that require additional support, except as disclosed in writing on the Application Form;
- (c) The Student has never been charged with or convicted of any crime, or the subject of other proceedings before any court, except as disclosed in writing on the Application Form;
- (d) All information in the Application Form is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

20. The Parents and Student acknowledge that:

- (a) The School may obtain at any time from any person or entity any information it requires to process and/or accept the Student for admission to the School or to perform or complete any of the other purposes under this Agreement. The Parents and the Student authorise any such person to release to the School any personal information that person holds concerning the Student and/or Parents.
- (b) If the Student and/or Parents fail to provide any information requested in relation to the Student's admission to the School, the School may be unable to process the Student's application.
- (c) This Agreement is conditional at all times on the Student having accommodation in New Zealand which complies with the Code. If this condition is unable to remain

fulfilled, than this Agreement will be at an end.

- (d) Personal information of the Student and/or Parents collected or held by the School is provided and may be held, used and disclosed to enable the School to process the Student's eligibility to receive Tuition at the School and Accommodation.
- (e) The Parents agree that where the Student lives in a School approved Homestay, this Agreement is subject to an Accommodation Agreement being entered into by the School and the Parents. Where the Student lives with a Designated Caregiver, this Agreement is subject to a Designated Caregiver Agreement being entered into by the School, the Parents and the Designated Caregiver. In either case, a breach by the Student of the Accommodation Agreement or of the Designated Caregiver Agreement will be deemed to be a breach of this Agreement.
- (f) All personal information provided to the School is collected and will be held by the School.
- (g) The Student and Parents have the right under the Privacy Act 1993 to obtain access to and request corrections of any personal information held by the School concerning them.
- (h) Under the Privacy Act 1993, any information collected may be provided to education authorities.
- (i) Information relating to the education, health, welfare or safety of the Student, may be released to relevant parties outside the School, at the discretion of the School.
- (j) Photographs and videos of the Student may be used for the Student's records and in any publicity material for the School unless otherwise agreed in writing by the parties.

#### Consent

21. The Parents and the Student, who have signed this Agreement irrevocably appoint and authorise the principal of the School (or such other person as may be appointed by the School to carry out the principal's duties) to:

- (a) Receive information from any person, authority, or corporate body concerning the Student including, but not limited to, medical, financial, educational or welfare information;
- (b) Provide consents that may be necessary to be given on the Student's behalf in the event of a medical emergency where it is not reasonably practicable to contact the Parents.

22. The School shall seek specific written consent of the Parents before the Student, being a student of any age, participates in any activity either organised by the School or by another party which are considered to be adventure activities or extreme sports or are activities that are organised by the School and require the Student to stay away from their regular accommodation overnight.

23. Except in the circumstances described in clause 22, this agreement is deemed to be written consent of the Parents for any activity organised and/or supervised by the School, including trips and physical activities, regardless of whether consent is sought from domestic students in relation to the same activity.

24. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the parties, this Agreement is deemed to be written consent for leisure travel or stays organised and supervised by the Student's Homestay or Residential Caregiver (where applicable) where the travel is within New Zealand for a period of not more than seven days and does not result in the Student missing any scheduled school days.

#### Conduct, Discipline and Termination

25. The Student will comply at all times with school policies, the Code and the Act, and the Parents shall work with the School to ensure such compliance. This includes, without limitation, compliance with the Code of Student Conduct which is annexed to this Agreement as Schedule One, including any amendments made by the School during the Period of Enrolment.

26. In the event of any breach of this agreement by the Student or the Parents, the School may take any disciplinary step it considers appropriate, including terminating this Agreement, and/or suspending, excluding or expelling the Student and (if applicable) notify Immigration New Zealand of its decision to terminate the Agreement or to exclude or expel the Student.

27. Without limitation, the following actions shall be deemed to be breaches of this Agreement which may warrant disciplinary action:

- (a) Refusal by the Student to obey any reasonable instruction given by any employee or officer of the School during the Period of Enrolment;
- (b) Any breach of the Code of Student Conduct by the Student;
- (c) Any breach of the Accommodation Agreement or Designated Caregiver Agreement by the Student or Parent;
- (d) Any act by the Student during the Period of Enrolment that creates a risk to the safety of any person;
- (e) Any act by the Student during the Period of Enrolment that jeopardises the education of any other Student;
- (f) Any breach of clauses 14 or 15 of this Agreement or of the warranties contained in clause 19 of this Agreement;
- (g) Failure to make payments pursuant to the Fee Schedule; and
- (h) Any other breach of this Agreement

28. Where appropriate, the School will follow the process set out in the Disciplinary Policy which is annexed to this Agreement as Schedule Two when exercising its disciplinary powers pursuant to clause 26 of this Agreement, but nothing in this Agreement shall limit the power of the School to summarily terminate this Agreement or expel or exclude the Student for serious misconduct or to suspend the Student pending

investigation if the School concludes that this step is necessary for the purpose of protecting the safety of any person, including the Student.

### **General Matters**

29. No party to this Agreement is liable to the other for failing to meet its obligations under this Agreement to the extent that the failure was caused by an act of God or other circumstances beyond its reasonable control.
30. This Agreement shall be construed and take effect in accordance with the non-exclusive laws of New Zealand. In relation to any legal action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with this Agreement the Parents irrevocably:
  - (a) Submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of New Zealand; and
  - (b) Agree that proceedings may be brought before any Court including any forum constituted under the Arbitration Act 1908 within New Zealand, and waive any objection to proceedings in any such Court or forum on the grounds of venue or on the grounds that the proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum.
31. Notices given under this Agreement must be in writing and given to the addresses set out in the Application Form. Those notices sent by post will be deemed to have been received ten (10) days after posting.
32. Notices may also be given by sending an email to the email addresses specified on the first page of this agreement and will be deemed to have been received 12 hours after it has been sent.
33. This Agreement contains the entire understanding of the parties and overrides any prior promises, representations, understandings or agreements. The terms of the Agreement may be changed by the School in consultation with the Student, and Parents, except where such change is required by New Zealand legislation or the Code. This Agreement shall continue in force during the Period of Enrolment with the School.
34. The School shall at all times comply with the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.
35. Nothing in this Agreement limits any rights that the Parents or Student may have under the Consumer Guarantees Act 1993.
36. The parties acknowledge that prior to signing this Agreement, they have had the opportunity to seek independent legal advice in respect of its content and effect.
37. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which when so executed and all of which together shall constitute one and the same Agreement. Delivery of executed counterparts may be delivered by email, facsimile transmission or through an internet service set up for that purpose.
38. The parties agree that any dispute in relation to this Agreement will be resolved in accordance with the Code and the School Policies.

# Code of Conduct for International Students

(Schedule One)

## ***International students are expected to:***

- adhere to the rules and policies of Papatoetoe High School.
- abide by the International Student Terms and Conditions that govern tuition, as well as the Accommodation Agreement.
- strive to be respectful, be responsible and be a learner.
- represent themselves, their family, their country and Papatoetoe High School with pride.
- abide by the laws of New Zealand.

## ***What we value at our school:***

### ❖ **CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY**

*The multicultural mix of our students and inclusion of students with special needs provides a unique and special opportunity to learn about each other from each other in a supportive and positive way.*

- Accept and welcome differences.
- Learn from each other.
- Be tolerant.
- Understand the bicultural heritage of New Zealand and aspects of Tikanga Maori.

### ❖ **COMMUNITY SPIRIT**

*Our school is a community within a community and it is important that we all play our part in promoting a sense of belonging and a caring attitude.*

- Become involved.
- Promote the positive.
- Be helpful and prepared to go to the “extra mile”.
- Maintain positive partnerships and relationships with neighbours.

### ❖ **CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT**

*We constantly seek ways to improve all aspects of our learning.*

- Set personal goals
- Reflect and evaluate
- Challenge your view of the world.
- Be open-minded.
- Have a go!

### ❖ **COOPERATION**

*An attitude of “we not me” is fostered.*

- Be a good team member.
- Be supportive.
- Be considerate of the needs of others.
- Share ideas, knowledge and experiences.
- Meet your obligations

### ❖ **INTEGRITY**

*Our expectation is for all people in the school to be honest, trustworthy and ethical.*

- Be honest and trustworthy.
- Follow through with your promises.
- Stand up for what you believe in.
- Do what is right and ethical.
- Be well presented, punctual, and loyal.

### ❖ **LEARNER MOTIVATION**

*Learning is to have a high priority for all students and staff, who are encouraged to pursue excellence and to be self-motivated, and self-reliant.*

- Have high expectations.
- Always do your best.
- Accept and learn from mistakes.
- Show perseverance – don’t give up.
- Be enthusiastic and excited about learning.
- Pursue your dreams.
- Show innovation, inquiry and curiosity

❖ **PRIDE**

*It is important that we acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of past and present students and staff.*

- Have a sense of belonging.
- Believe in yourself and your contributions.
- Present yourself in a way that shows you care.
- Promote and defend our reputation.

❖ **RESPECT**

*We place importance on showing respect for others, their property, the school's facilities and reputation.*

- Be sensitive to the needs of others.
- Treat others as you expect to be treated yourself.
- Be polite and well mannered.
- Accept rules and follow them.
- Practice equity
- Value ecological sustainability
- Value the past – our traditions and reputations.

**Expectations for ALL students:**

Students must meet school expectations while at school, in school uniform or on school associated activities. Consideration and respect for other people and their property are very important.

The following should also be noted:

- students must meet uniform regulations.
- items that could be used as weapons are not to be brought to school.
- damage to school property caused by carelessness or deliberate acts must be paid for by the person(s) responsible.
- students are prohibited from using or possessing substances/items such as cigarettes, tobacco, alcohol, vapes, solvents, cannabis, matches/lighters and other illegal substances.
- all students sign an ICT contract before having access to our computer network.
- verbal abuse, physical violence and bullying are not tolerated.
- the school does not take responsibility for the loss or damage of personal items, e.g., mobile phones, laptops, etc.

**Additional expectations for international students:**

❖ **Attendance**

- International students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and be punctual.
- If absent for any reason, the student's caregiver must contact the school.
- For appointments during the day, the caregiver must advise the school and provide evidence of the appointment (receipt, appointment card, etc).
- Students cannot leave the school grounds during the day without permission from the International Director and a leave pass.

❖ **Accommodation**

- All international students are bound by the conditions of the International Student Accommodation Agreement, as well as the rules and information outlined in *Accommodation Guidelines for International Students and Caregivers*.
- International students must live in accommodation approved by the school. Any requests for changes to accommodation or caregivers must be approved by the International Director after appropriate checks and inspections have taken place.

❖ **Travel and transport**

- International students must NOT drive or own a motor vehicle in New Zealand.
- Students MUST wear a seatbelt when travelling in a motor vehicle.
- Students MUST NOT be transported by a driver who does not hold a full licence or who has not been approved by the school.
- Students MUST NOT be transported by a driver who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Students MUST wear a cycle helmet when riding a bicycle and obey the road rules of New Zealand.

- Students must obtain permission from the International Director to travel outside of Auckland or to stay overnight at another address.

❖ **Serious misconduct**

International students must obey New Zealand laws and not engage in criminal activity. In the event of such misconduct, regardless of where or when it occurs (including weekends and holidays), the school may take formal disciplinary action and/or terminate the student's enrolment (see Terms and Conditions of Enrolment).

## **Disciplinary Policy** (Schedule Two)

1. The following is the School's current disciplinary policy for dealing with breaches of the Agreement. This is not intended to restrict the School's general power of discipline and this policy may be changed from time to time at the discretion of the School.

### **Overview**

2. Except in serious situations where immediate termination of the Agreement is necessary, or where the breach does not warrant any formal response other than a warning, the School will endeavour, where appropriate, to follow a two-stage disciplinary process.
3. In Stage One, the School will investigate and determine the facts, and will reach a conclusion on what happened and whether it amounts to a breach of the Agreement.
4. In Stage Two, if the School has determined that a breach has occurred, the School will consider the appropriate response to that breach, up to and including termination of the Agreement.
5. The Student will have an opportunity to provide a response to the alleged breach that the School is investigating (**the Allegation**) and any proposed disciplinary action that the School is considering taking (**the Proposed Action**).
6. This policy does not limit the School's power to take appropriate disciplinary action urgently and without following this process if this is necessary having regard to the seriousness of the breach.
7. This policy also does not limit the School's power to suspend the student for the duration of the disciplinary process where suspension is considered necessary for the safety or education of any person.

### **General Policy**

8. When the School is conducting a disciplinary process involving the Student it will endeavour to provide the Student with the following:
  - (a) a written summary of the Allegation or the Proposed Action;
  - (b) an opportunity to respond to the Allegation or the Proposed Action, either in person or in writing or both, at the choice of the Student;
  - (c) an opportunity to consider the Allegation or the Proposed Action for a reasonable period of time (having regard to the seriousness of the Allegation or the Proposed Action) before giving a response;
  - (d) an opportunity to contact his or her Parent before giving a response, unless the delay caused by contacting that person is unreasonable having regard to the seriousness of the Allegation or Proposed Action;
  - (d) an opportunity to have an independent support person of his or her choice present at any meeting relating to the disciplinary process;
  - (e) an opportunity to meet with that support person in private at any stage during the disciplinary process;
  - (f) an opportunity to have a translator present (or otherwise facilitate the student participating in the process in his or her own language) during any meeting or process if the School or the Student considers that a language barrier means that a translator is required; and
  - (g) a copy of this policy setting out the rights which the Student has when engaging in the disciplinary process.

### **Disciplinary Procedure**

#### **Stage One: Incident Investigation**

9. When the School learns of any incident or any other thing that may be a breach of the Agreement or might otherwise warrant a disciplinary response, the School will notify the Student of the Allegation and will provide the Student with an opportunity to give a response.



10. Where appropriate, having regard to the seriousness of the Allegation, the Student will have the opportunity to respond either in person or in writing or both, at the choice of the Student. The School will receive this response and give it genuine consideration before making a decision about the Allegation.
11. When the School makes a decision about the Allegation it will advise the Student and parent, in writing if possible, about its conclusion as to what happened and whether it amounts to a breach of the Agreement.

**Stage Two: Outcome Discussion**

12. If the School determines that a breach of the Agreement has occurred, it will advise the Student and parent of the possible disciplinary actions that it will consider taking in response to the breach and will provide the Student and parents with an opportunity to give a response.
13. Where appropriate, having regard to the seriousness of the breach, the Student and parent will have the opportunity to respond either in person or in writing or both, at the choice of the Student. The School will receive this response and give it genuine consideration before making a decision about the disciplinary action to be taken.
14. When the School makes a decision about the disciplinary action that it will take in response to the breach it will advise the Student and parents of its decision, in writing if possible. The disciplinary action will not take effect, and no actions will be taken to put it into place, until the Student and parents have been advised of the decision.

## **Refund Policy**

(Schedule Three)

- a. If a student withdraws from their course of study before the course completion date, they may be eligible for a refund of school fees.
- b. An application for refund of fees must be made in writing. The student must write to the board of trustees explaining why they have withdrawn from the course and the reasons for seeking a refund.
- c. A full refund, less the administration fee, will be made if the student is not granted a visa.
- d. If the application is made before the start of the course, fees will be refunded in full less an administration charge to cover costs incurred by the school.
- e. If the application is made after the start of the course, but before the second half of the course, fees will be refunded less:
  - An administration charge.
  - Costs to the school already incurred for tuition. Components of the fee already committed for the duration of the course, including appropriate proportions of salaries of teachers and support staff.
  - Costs already incurred for the use of facilities and resources.
  - The proportion of the government levy the school is required to pay.
  - Any other costs already incurred.
- f. If the application is made after the second half of the course, no refund will be made except in exceptional circumstances.
- g. No refund will be made to a student who is excluded or expelled from the school by the board of trustees for any reason, or has breached the tuition or homestay agreements.
- h. No refund will be made to a student enrolled at the school prior to 1st March who becomes a permanent resident after 1st March (in any year).
- i. Apart from exceptional circumstances, no refund will be given to students who transfer to another New Zealand school.